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For: OPERATIONALLY ENHANCED BIOREACTOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the materials listed below are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

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NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

_____ The Navy receive in June 2001, glassware as shown in Drawing 1 from Ace Glass, Inc. This glassware was custom made for the Navy based on the Navy's design, Drawing 2, and has never been sold or provided to anyone else. This glassware item was to contain glass beads for biofilm growth. The microscope slides would be positioned among the beads and removed for evaluation of the biogrowth. The glassware did not allow for sufficient aeration of the biofilm therein nor did it allow for removal of the microscope slides without damage to the biofilm on both the beads and slides.

_____ Custom designed glassware form Ace Glass Inc. that was received on or about May 3, 2002, as disclosed and claimed in the present provisional and nonprovisional patent applications. Presently, none of the glassware is publicly available.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith.

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